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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer's letter[a] No. 2406/28-C.E.P., dated 11th January 1929, is placed on the table.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"May I know whether the Government would take on hand the remedial measures suggested in the Chief Engineer's letter?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I understand that these measures are now being taken."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"It is said there 'Cutting leading channels in the shoals and ploughing as this will tend to the more easy removal of the shoal during floods'. That is not being done frequently May it be done now?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I am certain the Chief Engineer will consider it. Certainly the Government have no objection."

Proposed abolition of the Mettur district.

* 1257 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received final reports from the Chief Engineer at Mettur and from the Board of Revenue regarding the proposal to abolish the Mettur district and if so, to what effect;

(*b*) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding the matter and if so, to what effect; and

(*c*) if no decision has yet been arrived at by the Government, at what stage the matter is at present?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The reports of the Chief Engineer at Mettur and the Board of Revenue have been received, and the subject is being considered by the Government. The orders of the Government will be published in due course.

Use by the public of the new Cauvery bridge at Mettur.

* 1258 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorials have been received by the Government or the Board of Revenue to the effect that the new bridge at Mettur over the Cauvery is used only by the Public Works Department authorities and that the public are prevented from using it and are therefore put to great inconvenience when they have to cross the river for attending courts, etc., at Mettur;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any order regarding the use of the bridge by the public and if so, to what effect; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government have any and if so, what objection to pass an order now making the bridge open to the public also?

A.—(*a*) No memorials have been received by Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have called for a report from the Engineer-in-Chief and the Board of Revenue on the statements made in clause (*a*) of the question.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 637–638 infra.